

Remarks

Changes to Specification:

[remarks 1] none

Changes to Claims:

[remarks 2] Claims 1 – 11 canceled

[remarks 3] Claim 12 (new) Old claim 1 rewritten to overcome rejections

[remarks 4] Claim 13 (new) Old claim 2 rewritten to overcome rejections

[remarks 5] Claim 14 (new) Old claim 3 rewritten to overcome rejections

[remarks 6] Claim 15 (new) Old claim 4 rewritten to overcome rejections

[remarks 7] Claim 16 (new) Old claim 5 rewritten to overcome rejections

[remarks 8] Claim 17 (new) Old claim 6 rewritten to overcome rejections

[remarks 9] Claim 18 (new) Old claim 7 rewritten to overcome rejections

[remarks 10] Claim 19 (new) Old claim 8 rewritten to overcome rejections

[remarks 11] Claim 20 (new) Old claim 9 rewritten to overcome rejections

[remarks 12] Claim 21 (new) Old claim 10 rewritten to overcome rejections

[remarks 13] Claim 22 (new) Old claim 11 rewritten to overcome rejections

[remarks 14]

Claim 1 recites “a cocked/tripped position” of the cocking yoke.

Paragraph 176 of the specification explains that this is the position that the cocking yoke is in when the trap is cocked and ready to catch small animals. It also explains that although the bail moves when the trap trips, the cocking yoke remains in this cocked/tripped position.

Garrerson U.S. Pat. No. 5815982 and 6718688 B2 AUTOMATIC INSECT TRAP

[remarks 15]

These insect traps are not intended to capture small animals. If they were made to a larger scale, the battery, solenoid and drive circuits would also have to be more powerful. The larger trap may not work well catching small animals and the cost of the parts would be high.

Dufaux et al U.S. Pat No. 5528853 MAGNETIC COMPUTERIZED MOUSE TRAP

[remarks 16]

This mouse trap is held in the set position by the magnetic field from a pair of battery powered solenoids. This circuit would put a heavy load on a battery. Removing the power to the solenoids trips the trap. This may work for a small mouse trap but would not work for a rat trap.

Disalvo U.S. Pat. No. 5154017 RODENT TRAP WITH SIGNAL

Brewer U.S. Pat. No. 5184416 SIGNAL MOUSETRAP APPARATUS

Orsano U.S. Pat. No. 5477635 SIGNALING APPRATUS FOR USE WITH A
DISPOSABLE ANIMAL TRAP

Rast U.S. Pat. No. 6137415 AUDIO SIGNAL FOR SPRING-LOADED RODENT
TRAPS

[remarks 17] These traps are spring-biased traps with a signaling device added
to indicate that the trap has been tripped.

Boharski U.S. Pat. No. 4641456 MOUSE TRAP

[remarks 18] This trap uses a strong solenoid to push a mouse through a trap
door.

Gross U.S. Pat. No. 5185953 RODENT EXTERMINATION DEVICE

[remarks 19] This device uses a large high power solenoid to flip the rodent into
a container. It has a power transformer and high power drive
circuits.

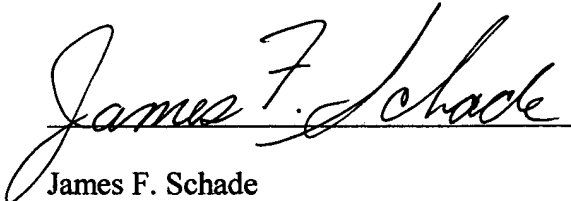
Kim U.S. Pat. No. 5953853 MOUSE AND RAT TRAP

[remarks 20] This is a very complex device. It has special power supplies,
reversible motors, gears and electrocution platforms.

[remarks 21] Therefore it is submitted that patentable matter is clearly presented.

If the examiner agrees but does not feel that the present claims are
technically adequate, applicant respectfully requests that the
examiner write acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j)

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